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Schwarzenegger Administration Official Holds Roundtable Discussion with Local Leaders on the Environment and Governor's Proposed Budget

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Martinez – California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D., held a roundtable discussion today with local leaders on the Governor's environmental budget proposals. The group included elected officials and members of the community and met in the Contra Costa Administration Building.

"Governor Schwarzenegger and California are leading the nation in environmental management policy," said Secretary Lloyd. "By proposing permanent funds for the Carl Moyer program in the May Revise, all Californians can be proud they have a governor who has made protecting the environment and air quality a top priority."

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger earlier this month announced greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets for California at the United Nations World Environment Day in San Francisco. The Governor signed an Executive Order which establishes GHG targets and charges the California Environmental Protection Agency secretary with the coordination of the oversight of efforts to achieve them once again demonstrating his commitment to the environment.

"The Governor has made clear his goals on improving air quality," said Secretary Lloyd. "His environmental initiatives, which include GHG emission reduction targets, the Hydrogen Highway Blueprint, the Breathe Easier campaign, and the Carl Moyer program continue California's legacy of leadership in environmental policy while meeting the needs of the economy."

Building on the Administration's commitment to reducing air pollution and ensuring the state meets air quality standards, the Governor proposed first-time, permanent funding of \$98 million (Special Funds) for the Carl Moyer Program. The Carl Moyer Program provides incentive grants to reduce emissions from heavy-duty diesel-powered vehicles and equipment. These grants assist projects that reduce emissions from on-road vehicles, agricultural pumps, forklifts, off-road equipment, marine vessels, and locomotives.

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